

Northeast Kansas Stops Highlight Moran Conservation Tour

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran has announced the schedule for his upcoming conservation tour. This year's tour will feature stops in Nemaha, Marshall, Washington, Clay and Chase counties on Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27. The head of the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Bruce Knight, will accompany Moran on the tour.

Anyone interested is invited to attend at any time during the tour. The schedule is as follows:

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Friday, September 26, 2003

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8:00 - 8:40 a.m. - Stop at NRCS Nemaha County Office
411 North Street, Seneca
- Discuss Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and new technology to assist in contract evaluations

8:45 - 9:15 a.m. - Stop at Kansas Rural Water Association office, west of Seneca
706 Waterway, one mile west of Seneca on Highway 36

9:45 - 10:30 a.m. - Marshall County, Site One
Ten miles west of Seneca on Highway 36, to the north of Axtell Truss Manufacturing, Inc.

- Discuss EQIP

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.- Marshall County, Site Two
West on Highway 36 to 87th Street, turn south and go three miles to Navajo Road. Turn west and go three and a half miles.
- Discuss tile terraces and agriculture waste management systems

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Ricky's Cafe, banquet room
323 W. North Street, Hanover

1:45 - 2:15 p.m. - Washington County, Site Three
From Hanover, go south to Highway 36, turn west and go to Yankee road. Turn south and go two miles.
- Discuss stream bank stabilization and riparian areas enrolled in the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), as well as wildlife issues, threatened species and preservation of critical habitat

2:45 - 3:15 p.m. - Clay County, Site Four

Noland and Rachel Patterson Farm. From Washington, take Highway 15 to the Washington and Clay County line, turn west and go two miles. Turn south and go one mile, then turn west and go one and a half miles.

- Discuss no-till farming practices, carbon sequestration and carbon credit trading

3:45 - 4:30 p.m. - Steve Lloyd Wetlands

From Clay Center, go south on Highway 15 to Bridge Street. Go east to stop sign, turn right at the Armory and fairgrounds on County Road 396. Go to County Road 837 (Broughton town site). Go five miles south to stop sign, then go two miles east.

6:00 - 7:15 p.m. - Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Headquarters, Strong City

- Discuss tallgrass prairie biology and preservation. View approximately 11,000 acres of prairie; 8,000 of which are native grass on unbroken sod

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Saturday, September 27, 2003

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8:45 - 9:00 a.m. - Chase County, Site Five

Approximately three miles southwest of Cottonwood Falls on Spring Creek Road.

- Discuss purpose and objectives of the Tallgrass Legacy Alliance, the Grassland Reserve Program, and other preservation issues

9:45 - 10:45 a.m. - Chase County, Site Six

- The Sericea lespedeza challenge in Flint Hills grasslands

10:45 a.m. - Tour Concludes

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